

The “Fifth Switzerland Puzzle”: 1/800 000



Questionnaire

Particulars

The particulars of interviewees will be set out in a short biographical photo legend. Interviewees are asked to state:

- Their first name and surname
- Their age/age group
- Their place and/or country of residence
- Their job or occupation
- How long they have lived there
- Optional: further info on their bio

Homeland (10)

- What does ‘homeland’ mean to you?
- In which location or country would you say, ‘This is my home’?
- What does it take for you to be able to say, ‘This is my home’?
- Is it possible to have several homelands?
- Is a sense of belonging a matter of age?
- How and when do you show your Swissness in your everyday life?
- What is it like for you being connected to more than one country?
- If your friends asked you to make them a typical Swiss meal, what would you cook?
- What references to Switzerland do you have in your house?
- Which song (piece of music/film) makes you think of home?

Choose a minimum of
four and a maximum of
eight questions.

Connection to Switzerland/Between worlds (10)

- Switzerland and you: What is your current relationship status?
- What relationship do you have with Switzerland?
- Do you ever feel like a foreigner when you visit Switzerland?
- In what situations do you feel you do not understand Switzerland?
- Do you ever feel like a foreigner in the country where you live?
- When do you wish the country in which you live were a bit more Swiss?
- What was your impression of Switzerland the last time you visited?
- How is Switzerland changing, in your view?
- What do you miss the most about or from Switzerland?
- When do you find Switzerland annoying?



“Fifth Switzerland”/Community/Diaspora (5)

- Do you maintain personal contacts with other Swiss Abroad?
- Is regularly meeting other Swiss people important to you?
- Has your attitude to (Swiss) traditions changed since you emigrated?
- Do you have any specific expectations of Switzerland?
- Do you have any specific expectations of the Swiss Abroad?

Person and family (10)

- What language do you dream in?
- Is everyday life with your family multilingual?
- What is your native language, and which language do you speak the most often?
- Did you teach your children one of the Swiss national languages?
- What is your greatest wish at the moment?
- What is your greatest concern at the moment?
- Do you often think about relocating (again)?
- Which Swiss customs does your family still observe?
- Which Swiss values does your family consciously uphold?
- How do you build bridges with relatives in Switzerland?

Politics, information and sympathy (10)

- Do you participate in votes in Switzerland? If so, why?
- How do you keep informed about what is happening in Switzerland?
- Which events in Switzerland do you follow attentively?
- Which developments in Switzerland do you follow with pleasure/concern?
- Do you maintain contact with people in Switzerland through your work?
- Have you ever been asked about Swiss democracy?
- If someone raves about Swiss democracy, how do you respond?
- Are people in your country of residence aware of Switzerland at all and, if so, in what way?
- What role would you like Switzerland to play in the world?
- How similar is Switzerland’s political culture to that of your country of residence?

Completing sentences (10)

- I think fondue is ...
- Swiss neutrality is ...
- William Tell is ...
- Being Swiss means ...
- One typically Swiss thing is ...
- In 30 years, Switzerland will ...
- In 10 years, I want to ...
- When I think about Switzerland ...
- My favourite memory of Switzerland ...
- The future ...

